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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965

AUGUST 1966

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BUNTINGFORD.

BRAUGHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1965.

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1965.

BRAUGHING RURAL DISTRICT

PREFACE

To the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health of Braughing Rural District for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

The population figures have shown a very small increase of only 20 as compared with 160 the previous year, the total population being 10,310. Thus over the past few years the population of the district has remained relatively static.

Once again the health of the District has been very good with nothing of consequence to report except a small outbreak of Measles.

The Public Health Department was greatly handicapped during 1965 as Mr. N.A. Shutes left in March to take up an appointment with Cosford R.D.C. which I wish him every success. A successor to Mr. Shutes was not appointed until October, and during the intervening seven months Mr. Evans had to carry out the duties both of Surveyor and sole Public Health Inspector. This laid a heavy burden upon him, and I am grateful to him for the way in which he discharged his Public Health obligations, efficiently and without complaint, although we both knew that lack of time dictacted that only the bare essentials could be covered. In October the position was relieved by the appointment of Mr. M.R. Gibbs, who came to Braughing from Thame U.D.C. I have pleasure in welcoming Mr. Gibbs and trust that he will have a long, happy and fruitful stay in his new post.

The Sewage Disposal schemes referred to in last year's report have made progress though delay was caused by bad weather. It is anticipated that the Furneux Pelham scheme will be completed early in 1966 and the Buntingford scheme in the summer of 1966. It is as yet difficult to forecast the date of completion of the extensive Much Hadham, Little Hadham and Widford joint project.

In a large rural district where it is impossible for piped water to be available to every-one, it is of paramount importance that constant supervision be excerised over the water coming from wells. With only one Public Health Inspector available it is not always possible to carry out as many tests as might be deemed desirable, but the fact that such examinations must not be overlooked is always borne in mind.

There have fortunately been no cases of poliomyelitis reported within recent years and again fortunately there is a high level of immunisation against this disease amongst infants and children in the County. However, elsewhere in the U.K. there is concern about the acceptance rate. The oral polio vaccine is simple to administer and adults who may be travelling abroad to epidemic areas would be well advised to have a booster dose. The fact that an infectious disease has not occurred recently can tend to make people careless. In addition to poliomyelitis this applies also to smallpox, typhoid fever and diphtheria. Preventive measures are always available and the public should remember to make use of them, both for their children and themselves.

My thanks are due to the Public Health Committee, the Council and their respective Chairmen for the continued support I have received from them and for the continual interest they have shown in Public Health matters.

I am also grateful to Mr. Evans, Mr. Gibbs and to the other Chief Officer of this Council for all the help they have afforded me during the past year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Gordon M. Frizelle.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.

Senior Public Health Inspector until 18.10.65 E.D.EVANS.

Public Health Inspector from 18.10.65. M.R.GIBBS.

Public Health Inspector until March 65. N.A.SHUTES.

Clerical Duties in the Public Health Department are in charge of MISS D. KENT.

Public Health Department :- Bridgefoot House, BUNTINGFORD, Herts.

Telephone :- Buntingford 315/6.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Public Health Committee for the Session 1965/66 was composed of the following Members :-

Chairman :- Mr. H. Crocker Vice Chairman :- Mr.L.A.C.Helmer.

Mr.W.J.Avery	Miss L.A.M.Lloyd Taylor	Mr.H.G.Prime
Mrs.J.Bailey	Mr.L.C.Mason	Mr.J.A.Reynolds
Mr.E.F.Burt	Mr.E.D.Nightingale	Mr.D.N.V.Smith
Mrs.G.M.Holmes.	Mr.W.S.Pimblett.	Mr.A.Vandome
		Mr.C.P.Wilson.

S E C T I O N "A".

GENERAL STATISTICS 1965.

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets).

POPULATION.

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Braughing Rural District.

(10,290) 10,310

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres	... ...	45,570

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books.

(3,214) 3,294

Number of Houses per acre	...	0.07
Number of Persons per acre	...	0.22
Number of Persons per house	...	3.1
Rateable Value of District	...	£346,201
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	...	£1,336

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VITAL STATISTICS.

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets).

LIVE BIRTHS.	Male		Female		Total.	
Legitimate	92	(78)	80	(82)	172	(160)
Illegitimate	3	(4)	4	(8)	7	(12)
Total Live Births	95	(82)	84	(90)	179	(172)
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population	17.35	(16.71)				
Area Comparability Factor for Births	1.14	(1.14)				
Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1000 population	19.78	(19.00)				
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	3.9	(6.97)				
STILL BIRTHS.						
Legitimate	3	(-)	-	(1)	3	(1)
Illegitimate	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
Total still births	3	(-)	-	(1)	3	(1)
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total live and still births	16.4	(5.78)				
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS.						
Legitimate	95	(78)	84	(83)	179	(161)
Illegitimate	3	(4)	-	(8)	3	(12)
Total Live and Still Births	98	(82)	84	(91)	182	(173)

COMPARISION RATES.	Braughing Rural District	Hertford County	England & Wales.
Live Birth Rate	17.35	18.10	18.1
Area Comparability Factor	1.14	0.94	
Standardised Birth Rate	19.78	16.29	
Still Birth Rate	16.4	13.17	15.7

Vital Statistics
Table 2 continued.

INFANTS DEATHS.

	Male	Female	Total
Infants under one week, Total	- (1)	1 (5)	1 (6)
Legitimate	- (1)	1 (5)	1 (6)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Infants under four weeks, Total	- (1)	1 (5)	1 (6)
Legitimate	- (1)	1 (5)	1 (6)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Infants under one year, Total	1 (1)	2 (5)	3 (6)
Legitimate	1 (1)	2 (5)	3 (6)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

INFANT MORTALITY RATES.

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births	16.75	(34.88)
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	17.44	(37.5)
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	00.00	(00.00)
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under four weeks per 1000 total live births)	5.58	(34.88)
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under one week per 1000 total live births	5.58	(34.88)
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths of infants under one week combined) per 1000 live and still births.	21.97	(40.46)

MATERNAL DEATHS.

Maternal deaths including abortions	-	(-)
Maternal mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births	00.00	(00.00)

DEATHS (total).

Deaths of all ages	Males	46	(69)
	Females	55	(65)
	Total	101	(134)
Death Rate per 1000 population		9.89	(13.02)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths		0.93	(0.98)
Standardised Death Rate per 1000 population		9.11	(13.02)

COMPARISION RATES.

	Braughing Rural District	Hertford County	England & Wales
Infant Mortality Rate	16.75	15.71	19.0
Legitimate	17.44	15.86	
Illegitimate	-	13.24	
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	5.58	11.93	13.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	5.58	10.26	
Perinatal Mortality Rate	21.97	23.31	
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	0.19	0.19
Death Rate	9.89	9.07	11.5
Area Comparability Factor	0.93	1.12	
Standardised Death Rate	9.11	10.16	

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the Year.

Disease	Total all ages for the Year	Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65-	Not known
Scarlatina	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	67	4	30	32	-	1	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	5	-	-	2	-	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

INCIDENCE OF DISEASE DURING THE DIFFERENT MONTHS.

	First Quarter				Second Quarter		Third Quarter			Fourth Quarter		
	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlatina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Measles	12	8	12	20	3	3	3	3	-	-	3	-
Bacillary Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES AMONG THE DIFFERENT PARISHES.

PARISH	Scarlatina	Whooping Cough	Measles	Bacillary Dysentery	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Infective Hepatitis	Puerperal Pyroxia
Albury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anstey	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Aspenden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ardeley	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Braughing	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Brent Pelham	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Buckland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buntingford	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Cottered	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furneux Pelham	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hormead	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
High Wych	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Little Hadham	1	-	7	1	-	-	-	-
Much Hadham	-	-	34	-	1	-	2	-
Meesden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stocking Pelham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thorley	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Westmill	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Wyddial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S during 1965.

Tuberculosis New Cases only.	Total all Ages	Under 5 Years	5 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Age not known
Respiratory	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis All Cases		Total	Males P.	Males N.P.	Females P.	Females N.P.
Cases on Register at 31st December, 1964		57	24	8	14	—
Cases Added to Register	New Cases	-	-	-	-	-
	Restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
	Inward Transfers	2	2	-	-	-
Cases Removed from Registers	Deaths	-	-	-	-	-
	Outward Transfers	1	1	-	-	-
	Patients Cured	1	-	1	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining on Register at 31st December, 1965.		57	25	7	14	11

CAUSE OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1965.

Line No.		M	F
	ALL CAUSES	46	55
1	Tuberculosis respiratory	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0
8	Measles	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease ...	1	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	3
11	" " lung, bronchus... ...	6	2
12	" " breast...	0	2
13	" " uterus...	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	2	10
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0
16	Diabetes	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system... ...	8	10
18	Coronary disease, angina	12	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease	0	2
20	Other heart disease	4	6
21	Other circulatory disease	0	5
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	3	2
24	Bronchitis	2	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	2	2
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea... ...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephresis	1	0
29	Hyperplasis of prostate	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	0	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents	0	0
34	All other accidents	2	0
35	Suicide	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	1
(a)	Still Births	3	0
(b)	Deaths of infants under four weeks of age ...	0	1
(c)	" " " four weeks to one year of age	1	2
(d)	" " " under one week of age ...	0	1

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The small increase of 160 which occurred in the population figures in 1964, fell sharply to 20 in 1965. The estimated mid-year population for 1965 was 10,310 as compared with 10,290 in 1964.

The number of houses per acre has remained the same as in 1964, while the number of persons per house fell from 3.2 to 3.1.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The total number of live births rose by 7 from 172 to 179, giving a live birth rate of 17.35 compared with 18.10 for the County and 18.1 for England and Wales. There were 3 still births compared with 1 in 1964 The deaths fell from 134 to 101 giving a death rate of 9.89 compared with 9.07 for the County and 11.5 for England and Wales. There were no maternal deaths and the deaths of infants under one year of age fell from 6 to 3.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Once again diseasesof the heart and blood vessels were responsible for the greatest number of deaths, there being 31 out of 101 or approximately a third of the total. Of these 31, 14 were due to coronary disease, 9 of which occurred over the age of 65. Closely following heart disease came all forms of malignant disease with a total of 28, of which 8 were due to cancer of the lung. There were no cases of leukaemia. Third in the list were vascular lesions of the nervous system with 18 deaths and of these 16 were over the age of 65.

There were no deaths due to motor accidents and the 2 accidental deaths were due to asphxia. Of the 3 deaths under 1 year of age, 2 were due to asphxia and 1 due to homicide.

Deaths over the age of 70 gave the following figures according to age groups :-

70-79	80-89	90-99
36	29	9

This gives a total of 74 out of 101 deaths, much more than half, and gives an indication of the longevity enjoyed in this area. In the over 90 age group the oldest person was 95.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1965 there was a small outbreak of Measles, totalling 67 cases. Five cases of Infective Hepatitis were reported, this being a notifiable disease in Hertfordshire and East Anglia. Infective Hepatitis is a disease of viral origin often associated with a breakdown in food hygiene precautions or less frequently due to a contaminated water supply. While it can be spread by contacts it is a matter of great difficulty to pin-point its origin.

Apart from these incidents, the District was untroubled by any major outbreak of infectious disease.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The total number of cases of tuberculosis remained at 57. Two new cases were added to the register; 1 left the district and 1 was cured. Of these 57, 39 were pulmonary and 18 non-pulmonary.

OLD PEOPLES WELFARE.

Miss A.P. Aged 93. Has had the usual vicissitudes to be expected in a person of her age, but shows no signs of mental deteriation and is still remarkably active.

Miss K.M. Aged 68. No change in her physical condition which she accepts without complaint.

Mr. A.H.S. Aged 72. Is still physically active and enjoys the various organised outings in which he participates.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951.

I am glad to report that during the year no action was required under Section 47 of these Acts.

MEALS ON WHEELS.

During 1965 the W.V.S. supplied meals on wheels as follows :-

Buntingford	2234
Much Hadham	1955
Bishop's Stortford	154
Gilston	831

The Gilston W.V.S. supplied High Wych Parish, and Bishop's Stortford W.V.S. although outside Braughing R.D.C. supplied Thorley parish.

BUILDING.

During 1965 no new dwellings were built by the Council and 68 by private enterprise.

PUBLICATIONS.

Ageing and Some Associated Problems.	Journal of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.
Ionizing Radiation and the Family Doctor	Medical News.
Editoral	Journal of the R.I.P.H. and H.
Editoral	Journal of the R.I.P.H. and H.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR BRAUGHING RURAL DISTRICT.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Cambridge.

In emergency medical specimens may be examined at the Laboratory of the Hertford County Hospital, Hertford, or the Herts. and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES.

The following County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, are available for Braughing Area. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Hertford.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Number of Nurses (equivalent full time)	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Welfare Centre (Mobile Clinic)	3

Vaccinations against Smallpox, Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

Babies may be immunised against these diseases at the Welfare Centres and Family Doctors will also provide a similar service.

Home and Domestic Help.

Applications for this Service, should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 27, Bull Plain, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3232) or 25a, Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford (Telephone: Bishop's Stortford 2740).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Care and After Care.

Applications for recuperative holidays, if recommended by the Medical Attendant, should be made to the County Medical Officer.

Equipment can be issued on loan to patients being nursed at home. Medical Loan Depots have been established at Braughing, Buntingford and Much Hadham. A charge may be made for both of the services.

Ambulance Service.

There are Ambulance Stations at Hertford, Buntingford, at Bishop's Stortford and at Ware. Except in emergency an ambulance should be ordered by a Medical Practitioner.

Day Nurseries.

There are no Day Nurseries in the Braughing Rural District.

SOCIAL WORK UNIT.

Divisional Welfare and Mental Health field staff, a Social Work unit is being established at :-

1, Queens Road, Hertford (Telephone: Hertford 3145 & 5875).

moved from Collett Road, Ware -

Miss H.M. Watson	(Social Worker - Mental Health)	
Mrs.P. Page		"
Mrs.S.M.Elford		"
Mrs.J.M.Wright	X	"
Miss S.R.West	-	"
Mrs.M.Lucus	-	"

X also at Sub Office, Health Centre, Rye Park, Hoddesdon (65410).

- also at Sub Office, Health Centre, Market Square, Bishop's Stortford (Bishop's Stortford 2743)

Mr. R.C. Lingham - Divisional Welfare Officer.

Mr. K.R. Cockman, - Assistant Divisional Welfare Officer.

For Compulsory Removals to Hospital under the Mental Health Act, in the East Herts. Area, from 25th April -

During office hours :- please telephone the Social Work Unit (Hertford 3145 and 5875)

Outside office hours :- the present arrangements remain unchanged i.e. :
Home telephone numbers - Mr.R.C. Linghan.Hatfield 4151
Mr.K.R.Cockman. Hoddesdon 6254

and if no reply obtainable, ring the Hertford Ambulance Control (Hertford 2222).

Premises at Collett Road, Ware to be vacated by the Divisional Welfare Officer will be occupied by :-

Miss D. Taylor (Social Worker- Blind) Telephone: Ware 2541.
Miss P.M. Watson (" " - Physically Handicapped).

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

The Area is served chiefly by the County Hospital, Hertford, and the Herts and Essex General Hospital, Bishop's Stortford..

Patients suffering from Infectious Diseases are admitted either to St. Ann's Hospital, or South Lodge Hospital.

Chronic sick can be admitted to Western House Hospital, Collett Road, Ware.

Western House - not the hospital - provides accommodation under Partlll of the National Assistance Act 1948.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL SERVICES.

There are 4 doctors in the area. Practitioners from adjoining areas also have some patients in Braughing Rural District.

DENTAL SERVICE.

There are no Dental Surgeons resident in the Area. The District is served by Dental Surgeons in adjoining localities.

OTHER SERVICES.

There is a Club for Old People at Buntingford, and also at Braughing.

Women's Institutes are active at 15 centres in the District.

S E C T I O N " C "

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have pleasure in presenting my annual report for 1965. For approximately two thirds of the year the Council were without the services of an officer engaged primarily on Public Health duties, consequently during that period only urgent matters were dealt with apart from meat inspection on which 100% inspections were carried out of all animals slaughtered at the three licensed slaughterhouses.

I should like to place on record my thanks to the Medical Officer of Health and the Council's staff for the help and consideration given me on taking up my appointment.

Water Supply:

The majority of the district is served by mains water supplied by the Lee Valley Water Board. During the year the Board reported that 251 bacteriological and 15 chemical water samples were taken in this district and all were satisfactory.

A total of 36 samples was taken from private water supplies. Of these 11 were unsatisfactory, the majority being from shallow wells. Householders were advised to boil all water before drinking or using for cooking purposes.

One private shallow well supply at Westmill failed towards the end of 1964. The property was supplied with water by the Water Board until the well supply was restored some weeks later

Type of Water Supply.

Parish	House supplied from main	Wells in use	House supplied from wells.
Albury	165	2	2
Anstey	95	5	8
Ardeley	127	5	8
Aspenden	67	1	1
Braughing	316	8	27
Brent Pelham	56	-	-
Buckland	98	1	1
Buntingford	641	2	2
Cottered	163	3	5
Fufneux Pelham	136	1	5
High Wych	170	15	23
Hormead	205	1	1
Little Hadham	286	5	11
Meesden	40	-	-
Much Hadham	557	6	15
Stocking Pelham	41	-	-
Thorley	97	2	2
Westmill	77	8	16
Wyddial	33	2	2
TOTAL FOR 1965	3370	67	129

Night Soil Collection.

Weekly collections are carried out at some 200 properties. These are restricted to premises where the householders are elderly or incpacitated and where the gardens are too small for hygienic disposal.

The work is carried outby contract, by Messrs. Tovey Transport, Ltd., of Cambridge, and collections are made in the following Parishes :-

Albury, Aspenden, Braughing, Buckland, Hormead, Little Hadham, Much Hadham, Brent Pelham, Furneux Pelham, Stocking Pelham, Thorley and Westmill

It is hoped that when the three sewerage schemes now in progress are complete, a reduction can be made in the number of properties collected from.

Sewage Disposal.

The three Sewerage Schemes embracing the Parishes of (1) Aspenden, Buckland, Buntingford, Chipping and Westmill (2) Much Hadham and Little Hadham, and (3) Furneux Pelham, have made fair progress during the year. The latter should be completed shortly and the other two during 1966.

Cesspool and Septic Tank Emptying Scheme.

This direct labour scheme whereby each domestic premises, not capable of being sewered, receives one free emptying a year, has been working under some difficulty, due to pressure of work. It was found necessary on one occasion to employ contractors to help out.

While the sewerage schemes due to be completed next year will lessen the load, particularly in regard to certain council houses where bi-weekly emptyings are necessary, it is anticipated that it will be some time before any appreciable effect will be noticed.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

During the year it was found possible to collect weekly from approximately 75% of the district, the remainder receiving a fortnightly collection. In 1966 weekly collections are to be made throughout the district following the introduction of a bonus scheme which it is hoped will help to retain labour.

All refuse is now tipped at Hadham Towers, Much Hadham, which is used jointly by this Authority and the Bishop's Stortford Urban District Council.

Pest Destruction.

The Council continued to make use of a firm of contractors at Royston for dealing with rat and mice infestation at domestic premises. The same firm also carry out treatments at Sewage works and at the refuse tip and have contracts with the occupiers of business premises and local farms. Infestations were heavy towards the end of the year, as 78 of the 136 premises treated were dealt with from October to December. In addition, three treatments were carried out at verminous premises.

Meat and Other Food Inspection.

100% meat inspection was carried out at the three private slaughter houses in the district at Buntingford (2) and Braughing (1).

Total number of carcases inspected 2052.

Meat and offal condemned as unfit from local slaughter houses:-

Details of Meat	Offal condemned.
Pigs heads	1
Pigs plucks	4
Pigs livers	10
Pigs mesentery	1
Pigs hearts	1
Pigs lungs	1
Portions of lambs	8
Lambs livers	5
Lambs plucks	2
Whole Calves	4 (Immaturity)
Bovine hearts	1
Bovine livers	24
Bovine heads	2
Bovine lungs	2
Bovine kidneys	1
Bovine skirts	1

Details of Animals Examined.

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	TOTAL
Animals slaughtered	323	53	1163	513	2052
Animals inspected	323	53	1163	513	2052
Condemned for reasons other than T.B. or C. Bovis.					
Whole carcase	-	4	-	-	4
Weight	-	120	-	-	120 lbs
Part or organ	31	-	15	17	63
Weight	336	-	65	63	464 lbs
Condemned for Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcase	-	-	-	-	-
Weight	-	-	-	-	-
Part or organ	-	-	-	1	1
Weight	-	-	-	1	1 lb
Condemned for cysticercus bovis.					
Whole carcase	-				-
Weight	-				-
Part of organ	1				1
Weight	4 lbs.				4 lbs.

Meat Inspection Charges.

A sum of £90. 13. 6d. was recovered by meat inspection charges for inspections carried out at the three licensed slaughter houses.

Other Foods.

The following were condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

1 Turkey
24 tins of black cherries
4 tins of milk
1 tin of peaches
2 tins of tomatoes
Portions of eight lambs

Particulars of Visits and Inspections :-

Rodent Control	126
Verminous Premises	8
Cesspool Emptying	40
Animal Boarding Establishments	14
Water Samples	36
Housing Inspections	10
Meat Inspections	252
Slaughterhouse Inspections	7
Inspections of Food Premises	48
Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act ...	25
Factories Act	9
Council House Applicants	92
Premises Disinfested	3
Infectious Disease Enquiries	15
Outworkers	1
Music and Dancing Licenses	2
Revisits	28
Improvement Grants	9
Caravans	11
Schools	2
Licensed Premises	14
	752

Housing Progress 1965.

Dwellings erected by private enterprise	68
Dwellings erected by the Council	-

Improvement Grants.

A total of 17 applications for Standard improvement grants was approved during the year and the properties concerned are in the following parishes :-

Albury ...	2
Anstey ...	2
Braughing ...	2
Buntingford ..	3
High Wych ...	1
Meesden ...	1
Much Hadham ..	6

1 application in respect of a property at Buntingford was refused as the majority of the work had been carried out before the application was considered.

There were no applications for discretionary grants during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors

Your obedient servant

M.R. GIBBS.

Public Health Inspector.

S E C T I O N "D"

FACTORIES ACTS - SUMMARY OF RETURN.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

For the Year 1965.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of Factories Act,1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which S 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in(i) in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	8	-	-
(iii)Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	39	8	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness(S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable tenperature(S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7).	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork.

(Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecut-ions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Pro-secut-ions
Wearing Apparel	6	-	-	-	-	-
Making etc. Curtains and Furniture hangings	1	-	-	-	-	-
Paper Bags	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	-	-	-	-	-